AN ABSTRACT

OF

The ſeveral Letters, and choice Occurrences, brought by the laſt Poſt from Denmark, France, Sweden, and Holland, concerning the Affaires and Deſignes of the Common-Wealth of ENGLAND.

Compriſing theſe enſuing Particulars, *viz.*

I *The new Orders and Inſtructions of the States of Holland, ſent to Admiral Vantrump; With his Letter to their Lordſhips; The advancing of the Fleet from the Iſle of Rhee; the randezvouzing of their forces at Saint Martins; their Meſſage to the Eaſt-Indy Company, Merchants, and Hans-Towns; And their Decree and Declaration for the ſupplying of Vantrump with Men, Monies, and a new Fleet of ſhipping.*

II *The advancing of the King of Scots from France; and a bloudy Fight between the French and Dutch at the City of Bourdeaux; with the full particulars, and the event and ſucceſs thereof.*

III *The riſing of the Hollanders againſt Mr. Bradſhaw, the Parliaments Agent in Denmark; their falling upon him with ſword and piſtol; his Letter to the King; and his Majeſties anſwer.*

IIII *The taking of a Coach laden with Gold, going for Holland; and the manner thereof; with the Reſolution of the Officers and Sea-men at Chattam.*

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The Orders of the States of Holland touching Vantrump; and the Instructions sent by Sea and Land to his Randezvouz at St. Martins.

SIR,

THe States have dispatched new Orders to Van-Trump; and their Instructions are gone both by Sea and Land to his Randezvouz at St. Martins. Notwithstanding, frequent allarmes arrive daily about the greatness of your English preparations; yet their Lordships seem resolved to cast all upon the chance of War. And to heighten the people in Zealand, they are fed with abundance of Rumors touching England. At Middleburgh and other places it is given out, that Gen. Blake is laid aside, at put in prison. At London they say the people are in a great uproare, and that they came in mighty Tumults to the Parliament, requiring an immediate peace to be made with the United Provinces; so that the Zealanders say, The Parliament was forced to make them believe that Ambassadors were coming hence to Treat of a peace, before they could pacifie and reconcile the people. Such phantsies are very frequent in these parts.

But

But how they will ſalve their own ſores, I know not; for *Trump* hath loſt his main maſt, and a great hole has bin made in the ſides of his fleet. Certain it is, that no leſs then 19 are caſt away and ſpoiled ſince he came on your Channel, and divers others ſince that time miſſing. Others are ſo foul, that they muſt be ſent home for Trimming and Tallowing. And therefore the States here have ordered 60 freſh Sail, as a Recruit, to be ready againſt the 2 of *February*; 30 whereof are to be ſpeeded away with all poſſible expedition. And for the better diſpatch they have ſent *Dewit* to quicken all the Admiralties; he and the Directors have already been at *Amſterdam* and *Saerdam* to give Order.

Meſſengers have been likewiſe ſent to the Eaſt-Indy Company to borrow what ſhips they can ſpare for the publike ſervice, but they have returned no anſwer as yet. Nevertheleſs, here is talk of nothing but the having a hundred ſhips ready againſt Spring; and yet there are but few viſible, unleſs the new ones now a building, to the number of 30 or 40. And for ſea-men you may gueſs they are not over-ſtockt, ſeeing they reſolve no Fleet ſhall go now for *Greenland*, having uſe for the men againſt you in *England*. Wherefore the Drums have been thundering again at *Amſterdam*, to awaken the people, and new Orders are iſſued out to quicken the Work of new Frigots. The great Eaſt Indy ſhip is making ready for *Tromp* at *Ancuſen*; and of this new ſupply reſolved on, they intend about 30 for the Sound.

Great brags are made here of their alliance with *Denmark*, giving our, That they expect great ſupplies thence for their aſſiſtance. But the Daniſh Reſident here in the *Hague* has made an unexpected motion to their Lordſhips for laying aſide the Treaty of Redemption, formerly made betwixt *them* and his Maſter, and reſume another way, which fills their heads with jealouſie.

They have likewiſe an eye ſtill upon the intercourſe betwixt

twixt *England* and *France*, ſuſpecting the worſt of this *Freneh* application.

They have news alſo, That the Swede will inſiſt reſolutely upon the maintaining of a free Trade betwixt the Hans-Towns and Sweden; wherein they reſolve here to croſs the Swede, and give a ſtop to that Trade, by placing 3 or 4 men of War to lie in the *Emes* to block up the Trade of *Emden*, and will fortifie *Delf Seilar*, that they may prevent you by hook or by crook of all neceſſaries for ſhipping out of thoſe parts. *Vantrump* hath ſent a ſhort *Letter* to his mighty Maſters, declaring, That he was forced to paſs from *Gravelin* to the Iſle of *Rhee*, by reaſon he could not get convenient ſupply of proviſions; inſomuch that many of his men are viſited with ſickneſs, and made diſſerviceable for want of food; his ſhips and rigging much ſhatter'd and torn, by diſtreſs of weather and ſtorm, and therefore deſires that ſome Veſſels may be ſpeeded to him with ſupplies, both of Veſſels, Men, and Proviſions; without which he muſt be forced to return, and leave the Merchants ſhips behind him. Whereupon the States immediatly ordered that a conſiderable ſum ſhould be forthwith ſent unto him.

Here is a great decay of Trade, and a mighty increaſe of Taxes; inſtead of comfort, our ſorrowes increaſe, and the Lord knowes when we ſhall have an end; for now there is Excize laid upon *Butter*, *Egges*, *Cheeſe*, and the ſmalleſt Fowl; and no man dare ſay, *Why muſt we not be free?* But this is our comfort, Extremes ſeldome but break their own Necks.

And that which doth moſt ſtartle them at preſent, is, That thoſe Engliſh ſhips which were blockt up by ours at *Portolongone*, are gotten out to ſea, and, in defiance of the Dutch, gave them all the go-by. And we likewiſe hear that the reſt of your ſhips in *Leghorn*, are reſolved to fight their paſſage through *Van Galens* Fleet.

From the Hague Jan. 24. *ſtilo novo*

SIR,

THe Merchants are now in great hopes, that som good will be done with the King, in reference to our ſhips detained; becauſe our Reſident Mr. Bradſhaw hath now had audience in a very honourable manner, though his Majeſty was not there, which ſo netled the Dutch ſpectators, that within two houres after the Reſidents return to his lodging, a deſperate Crew of Varlets ſet upon his Coach-man as he was coming home; and all that they did then, was onely to affront the man without blowes. But within a ſhort ſpace after, the ſame pack of Beagles ſcenting two of the Reſidents ſervants as they were going to complain of the firſt affront, fell upon them, and immediatly wounded one of them in the hand, purſuing them even home to the door of the Reſidents houſe, and endeavoured to force their paſſage by ſword and piſtol; but it pleaſed God to prevent them, though notwithſtanding the aſſault and tumult continued for half an hour. Immediatly hereupon the Reſident ſent to acquaint the King with this violence, which both himſelf and his Councel ſeemed to reſent very highly, returning anſwer, That care ſhould be taken to find out the chief Actors, and puniſh them ſeverely; and thereupon the Guard was ſent abroad to diſcover them; but as yet I hear not of a man taken. The Reſident hath been

been abroad since to visit some of the principall men of the Kingdom, who promise fair, assuring him of the Kings and their own deep sense of the violation, and willing him to rest confident of the same security here as their Ambassadors lately found in England.

The Dutch here hath been very studious to magnifie their own cause and affaires, in hope to draw on this King to imbark with them, and become Englands declared enemy. His Fleet is fitting as fast as may be; and large sums are promised by the Lord Keysar, Burgomaster of Dort, who hath likewise given out, That their Admiral Tromp hath taken seventy of your ships laden with Coales, and nine of your men of war, which were their Convoy. But there are few of belief to credit this high-bounc'd story. From Hamburgh news is come hither, that the Senate there is resolved to send their Syndic or Recorder to the Parliament of England, which invites the Danish Court to have a more watchful eye toward the design of Sweden.

From Copenhagen in Denmark, Jan. 1. stilo novo.

From France they write, That there hath been a very dangerous Conflict between the Dutch Captains, and the Citizens of Bourdeaux, the manner thus: Divers of the Flemins being walking upon the wharf and in the streets, were commanded by the Elmers to cry, Vive le Roy, & les Princes de Conde and Conti, that is, God save the King, and the Princes of Conde

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and Conti; but they refuſed, ſaying, That they acknowledged no other Powers bnt the King of France and the Prince of Orange. Upon which anſwer, the ſtout Elmers went from words to blowes, and for a ſhort time exceeding hot was the diſpute; but, at laſt, the Hollander being weary of action, and pretty handſomly bang'd, retired on ſhipboard, from whence they l r fly many pieces of Ordnance; but immediatly after weighed anchor, and with their whole Fleet ſailed towards Lernont, a Road on the other ſide of the River. In this conflict many was killed and wounded on both ſides; what the event will be, few dayes will manifeſt; in the interim you may behold it as a ſingular piece of great conſequence.

The great talk is now of *Charles Stuarts* leaving of *France*; but firſt he ſtayes to ſee what hopes the Lord *Wilmot* will be able to ſend him out of *Germany*, whither it is ſuppoſed he intends, if any thing can be effected there to gain him an honourable and favourable Reception, and allowance to live on. The Royal party preſume much of the German Princes, who have fiſh of their own to fry good ſtore, notwithſtanding the ſolemn Courtſhip and Complement of thoſe Princes to each other.

From *Chattam* it is advertiſed, That the Fleet will be ſuddenly ready to put forth to ſea; and that great is the reſolution both Officers and Sea-men, notwithſtanding the late private differences amongſt them. We hear of a Coach carrying gold is ſtop'd going for *Yarmouth*, and 'tis ſuppos'd it was deſign'd for *Holland*; but its now ſecured for the States of *England*; no leſs then two Firkins, the one cover'd over with Butter; the other with Sope: But where the *Button-makers* are, I cannot (as yet) reſolve you. *Finis.*